

## **Minutes of the Special and Regular Meeting of April 24, 2007**

One Twin Pines Lane, Belmont, California

### **SPECIAL MEETINGS**

#### **CLOSED SESSION - 6:20 P.M.**

- A. Conference with Labor Negotiator, Jack Crist, pursuant to Government Code Section No. 54957.6: BPOA, AFSCME and MMCEA

Attended by Councilmembers Dickenson, Feierbach, Warden, Mathewson, Lieberman, City Manager Crist, City Attorney Zafferano, Human Resources Director Sam, Community Development Director de Melo, Police Chief Mattei, and Labor Negotiator Fran Buchanan. City Clerk Cook was excused from attending.

**ADJOURNMENT** at this time, being 7:25 P.M.

**Terri Cook**

**City Clerk**

This meeting not tape recorded or videotaped.

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER 7:35 P.M.**

### **ROLL CALL**

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Dickenson, Warden, Lieberman, Feierbach, Mathewson

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: None

Staff Present: City Manager Crist, City Attorney Zafferano, Community Development Director de Melo, Police Chief Mattei, Finance Director Fil, Human Resources Director Sam, Public Works Director Davis, City Clerk Cook.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by City Clerk Cook.

### **REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

City Attorney Zafferano stated that there were no reportable actions from Closed Session.

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Report Honoring Tuskegee Airman, Leslie Williams, a 50-Year Resident of Belmont**

City Manager Crist provided background information on the Tuskegee Airman from World War II. He noted that Mr. Williams, a 50-year Belmont resident, was recently honored with a Congressional Gold Medal by the President of the United States, the highest honor that can be bestowed on a civilian.

#### **Proclamation Honoring Leslie Williams, Tuskegee Airman**

Mayor Feierbach read the Proclamation.

**Leslie Williams**, Belmont resident, stated that he was honored to receive the Proclamation. He described some of the hurdles he faced during his time as an Airman. He stated that his only goal was to fight for his country, and he was determined to fly. He shared the Gold Medal, which is a replica, since the original medal now resides at the Smithsonian Museum.

Councilmember Lieberman stated that he was honored to recognize Mr. Williams and to be a part of tonight's ceremony. He invited Mr. Williams to speak at the Library sometime in the future, as this would be an opportunity for people to hear living history.

Mayor Feierbach stated that it is hard to fight prejudice.

Councilmember Mathewson thanked Mr. Williams for making Belmont his home for 50 years.

**RECESS: 7:50 P.M. (to consider the Special Redevelopment Agency and Regular Fire Protection District Meetings)**

**RECONVENE: 8:07 P.M.**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**John Violet**, Friends of the Belmont Library (FOBL), agreed with Councilmember Lieberman's suggestion that Mr. Williams, Tuskegee Airman, would make an excellent speaker for the Library, and he said FOBL would follow up on this. He announced the Library's first anniversary party to be held on April 29, 2007, and described the activities that would be taking place.

**Damon Campbell**, San Carlos resident, stated that the Monte Cresta Road extension proposal is in its seventh year of planning. He stated he has developed a website where members of the public can make comments. He requested a link to his website through the City's website.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Dickenson announced that there is a box available at the Police Department for residents to deposit outdated pharmaceuticals in order to keep these items out of the landfill and the Bay.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Acceptance of** Written Communication: Received April 16, 2007, PG&E's Proposal for a New Contract Available to Public Water and Wastewater Agencies.

**Approval of** Resolution 9878 Accepting Work, Approving As-built Plans, and Authorization to Issue a Notice of Substantial Completion for the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Pipelining and Spot Repair Project - Central, Sunnyslope, Sterling Downs and Homeview Neighborhoods, City Contract Number 472.

**Approval of** Resolution 9879 Approving Plans and Specifications, Authorizing Advertisement for Sealed Bids, Approving Award of Contract to the Lowest Responsible Bidder for an Amount not to Exceed

\$510,000, Approving a Construction Contingency not to Exceed \$51,000, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Haskins Drive Pump Stations, City Contract Number 467.

**Approval of** Resolution 9880 Approving Purchase of an Emergency Standby Generator for the Haskins Pump Station in the Amount not to Exceed \$43,678.88, and Authorizing Transfer of Funds.

**Approval of** Resolution 9881 Approving Plans and Specifications, Authorizing Advertisement for Sealed Bids, Approving Award of Contract to the Lowest Responsible Bidder for an Amount not to Exceed \$265,000, Approving a Construction Contingency not to Exceed \$26,500, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the 2007 Overlay and Slurry Project - Phase II, City Contract Number 484.

**Approval of** Resolution 9882 Approving a Professional Services Agreement with Duke's Root Control, Inc. for Root Foaming of Sewer Lines for an Amount not to Exceed \$60,000.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Council Priority Calendar - Step Two: Adopting the Calendar**

Executive Assistant Stallings reviewed the actions taken regarding the Priority Calendar, including ranking of projects by the City Council at the last meeting. She noted that the list provided indicates which projects that staff will be able to accomplish during the coming year. She reviewed the next steps.

Councilmember Lieberman requested clarification as to whether the narrowing of Ralston Avenue and consideration of mid-block crosswalk between Sixth Avenue and El Camino Real would be considered together as one project. Public Works Director Davis stated that staff will review both and will determine what, if anything, can be accomplished. Councilmember Lieberman stated he is willing to review anything that makes this area safer. Councilmember Warden commented that Belmont's vision statement suggests free-flowing thoroughfares. Councilmember Mathewson recommended tying these suggested projects into the economic redevelopment plans.

In response to Mayor Feierbach, Parks and Recreation Director Politzer outlined a basic approach for discussing the potential redevelopment of the Barrett Community Center. He noted that any development of Semeria and Ralston Ranch Parks would take place after Davey Glen Park. He clarified that the schedule for other development projects are already in place.

Councilmember Warden expressed concern regarding Barrett Community Center, since there is no money for redevelopment, and this project would require a full Environmental Impact Report. He noted he would not be voting on the Project Description Form prior to identification of a funding source. Parks and Recreation Director Politzer stated that having preliminary discussions may stimulate interest in the formation of a Parks Foundation.

Mayor Feierbach stated that Barrett has been on the list for years. She supported having a discussion about potential redevelopment, but that ongoing maintenance of the buildings and the playing field should continue.

Councilmember Warden noted that a project like Barrett needs to be community driven, such as was done for the library. He has not heard a public outcry for the need or desire to do something with this property. He does not support having this project be staff driven. The site is well used, although it may not be the highest and best use.

Councilmember Lieberman stated that he has heard from people in the community of the desire for a better community center. It may be worthwhile to hear from residents to flush out the issues and desires. The proposed Foundation needs a tangible project such as Barrett.

Councilmember Mathewson expressed concern regarding the impact on the neighborhood any redevelopment of Barrett would have.

Mayor Feierbach stated that the public is asking for other projects such as the Kiosk and Semeria Park.

**Judy King**, Belmont resident, expressed support for having initial discussions with the community regarding Barrett, but is concerned about the expectations for a completed project. She concurs with Councilmember Warden's comments and concerns.

Councilmember Warden stated he does not want anything that would polarize the community, but he expressed support for outreach. There is a need for funding before any plan is developed.

Council concurred to direct staff to initiate outreach regarding Barrett Community Center.

Councilmember Dickenson provided information regarding a proposed Environmental Committee which could be comprised of staff, residents, and City Council members.

Mayor Feierbach expressed support for “going green” but does not want to be hypocritical. She noted that a city cannot be green and develop at the same time.

City Manager Crist stated there is a need to be wise on how to best use resources. Belmont has an urban forest, and there is a need to recognize what Belmont has to offer.

Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Warden stated that there have been no recent public comments regarding Ralston Ranch. He noted that the neighborhood previously has stated it does not wish to develop much for this park other than adding a bench or two.

Parks and Recreation Director Politzer noted that this was last reviewed several years ago. Both Ralston Ranch and Semeria need public input. He clarified that there is an ongoing maintenance issue when new parks are developed.

Executive Assistant Stallings noted that consensus was needed regarding whether any items should be below the line, dropped, or ranked.

Discussion ensued. Council concurred to place SemeriaPark above the line.

Councilmember Mathewson stated that he would have ranked Ralston Ranch below the line had he been in attendance at the last meeting.

Councilmember Warden stated that he ranked this project third. There is consensus by the neighborhood to keep this a passive park.

Council concurred to leave Ralston Ranch below the line.

In response to Councilmember Dickenson, Police Chief Mattei clarified that the CERT program (Citizen Emergency Response Team) has some money allocated to it. Councilmember Dickenson stated he would bring this issue up during budget discussions.

**ACTION:** On a motion by Councilmember Dickenson, seconded by Councilmember Lieberman, the Priority Calendar was unanimously approved by a show of hands.

**ADJOURNMENT** at this time, being 9:00 P.M.

**Terri Cook**

**City Clerk**

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